

AMBASSADE DES NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. 20. HOLLANDIA.

No. 1242.

SHANGHAI,

1st May 1933.

SHANGHAI-CHINA  
C. & S. B. BUREAU

N. D. 4408  
Date 1.5.33

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 4 April 1933,  
D.4408, for which I wish to express my sincere thanks,  
it may be of interest to you that, according to infor-  
mation received, Mrs. Reimer's daughter is earning a  
small salary in Holland and receives financial assistance  
from her father, who however is not prepared to support  
his former wife. As it was feared that Mrs. Reimer would  
become a charge to the community, a visa for travelling  
to Holland was refused.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Chinese Secretary,

S. P. Givens, Esquire,

Officer i/c Special Branch,

Shanghai Municipal Police.

SHANGHAI.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
D. REGISTRY
N. D. <u>H408</u>
D. <u>H4133</u>

April

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33.

Dear Van den Berg,

With reference to your letter No.922 of March 28, I forward herewith confidentially for your information a copy of a report by a detective of the Special Branch on the subject of Mr. Reimer's origin.

Yours sincerely,

*J. V.*

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2. Special Branch

REPORT

Date April 4, 1933.

Subject (in full) Further report regarding Mrs. M.W. Reimer subject of enquiries from Netherlands Consulate General.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky.

Forwarded by

S. S. Tcheremshansky

Further enquiries regarding Mrs. M.W. Reimer show that she is from Ekaterinoslav Province, South Russia, "Menonite" extraction. Her former husband Peter Henrich Reimer is from Tauris Province, Krimea also "Menonite" extraction. Before the Great War the "Menonite" colonists as they then called themselves were known among the Russian population as German (Nemzi). During the Great War the Russian Government issued orders that persons residing in certain parts of the German colonists region were to be sent to Siberia etc. A number of "Menonites" then declared that they originated from Netherlands and Denmark, and that the German colonists environment during generations had resulted the "Menonite" in adoption of the Flat. - German dialect. Some "Menonites" produced documents proving this claim. The family of Mrs. Reimer and of her husband likewise claimed their originated from the Netherlands.

Mrs. Reimer registered herself with King's Daughter's Society in Shanghai as a Russian, of Netherlands origin. She is not in possession of any documents to prove this claim. She usually associates with Germans and is known to have obtained support from local German friends.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

CONSULAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR NIDDER-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 922 .

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.

No. D 4408

Date 21/4/33

SHANGHAI, 28th March 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to our correspondence concerning Mrs. M. W. Reimer (your letter D. 4408, d.d. 2 Febr. 1933, my letter No. 354 d.d. 3 Febr. 1933) and to inform you that I am now in receipt of a telegram from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at The Hague to the effect that Mrs. Reimer's application for entry into The Netherlands has been refused. So far I am unaware of the reasons for this decision, but in any case it would be interesting to know, in case this point has been cleared up, whether Mr. Reimer is of Netherlands or of German extraction.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Chinese Secretary.

R. P. Givens, Esquire,  
Officer i/s Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

*Reg. Reim attach for*

*to the 40/41 of the 1/4/33*

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.

No. 345.

SHANGHAI. 3 Feb. 1933.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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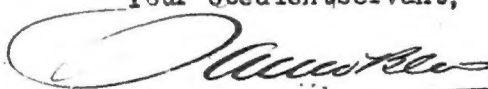
Sir,~

I wish to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 2nd inst.No.D.4408,  
regarding Mrs.M.W.Reimer, and to thank  
you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

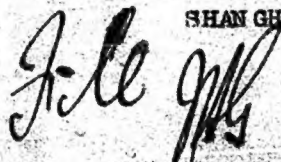
Your obedient servant,



Chinese Secretary.

T.P.Givens, Esquire,  
Officer i/c Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.



CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 354.

SHANGHAI, 3 February 1933.

Sir,

(1) With reference to the detective report, kindly forwarded by your letter of 2 February 1933, concerning Mrs. Reimer, I wish to draw your kind attention to the fact that, contrary to the usage established by the Shanghai Municipal Council, the word "Dutch" is used twice for "Netherlands".

(2) In connection with the statement according to which Mr. Reimer is of Netherlands or German extraction, it would be of interest to know which. The Netherlands equivalents of his Christian names would be : Pieter Hendrik, but a Russian or German environment may have brought about corruptions of spelling, also in the family name.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Chinese Secretary.

T. P. Givens, Esquire,  
Officer i/c Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

*SL Please note No 1  
and make further  
inquiries re No. 2 and  
report.*

*SLR 2/4*



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**SECRET**

February

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No.104 of January 10,1933 regarding an application for a visa for the Netherlands from a Mrs. M.W. Reimer, and to forward herewith a copy of a detective report concerning this individual.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Officer i/c Special Branch.

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Special Branch S.S. ~~XXXXXX~~

Date February 1, 1933.

Subject (in full)

Mrs. M.W. Reimer, subject to the enquiry from  
the Netherlands Consulate-General.

Made by D.S. Tcherezhansky.

Forwarded by *D.S. Tcherezhansky*

With reference to the letter of January 10, 1933  
from the Netherlands Consulate-General regarding Mrs. Maria  
Wilhelmovna (Vassilievna) Reimer, her identity and records  
as known to the Municipal Police are as follows :

Mrs. Reimer is a Russian of Dutch extraction,  
native of Ekaterinoslav Province, born on December 19, 1880.  
She arrived in China from Russia when about 12 years of age.  
She first registered in Shanghai with the Russian Emigrants  
Committee on February 1923. While in Russia she was separated  
from her husband one Peter Henrich Reimer, Russian of Dutch  
or German extraction, Menonite by religion, born 1874 at  
Tavris Province. This marriage resulted in a family of a  
daughter Maria, now aged about 24 years and two sons, one  
residing at Chicago, U.S.A. and another in Canada. Her  
husband who resided in Shanghai from 1924 was a representative  
of "International Harvester Co.", 4-8 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.  
This firm is connected with the well known local firm "Andersen,  
Meyer & Co." In 1929 he left for Europe accompanied by his  
daughter Maria Reimer.

Mrs. Reimer declared in her statement to the King's  
Daughter's Society that she failed to gain any information of  
her husband for some years and then finally found him in  
Tsingtae (during 1923-1925) married again. Her marriage was  
then dissolved and she received some \$3,000 as settlement.  
She then left for Harbin where she met a Russian whom she  
married (?) but he later left her taking with him all her money.  
The whereabouts of this second husband is at present unknown  
to her. Mrs. Reimer arrived in Shanghai on February 25, 1933  
and since this time was employed at the various places as a



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Made by \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

house keeper or servant, occasionally she was unemployed and sick when she was supported by the King's Daughter's Society or other similar organizations. It is stated that during the stay of her first husband in Shanghai she visited his office and it is believed she received small sums of money from him as support. It is also reported that her daughter assisted in her support and visited her against the wish of the father when in Shanghai. Her daughter Maria at present is employed as a book keeper in Rotterdam from where she sends to her mother small sums of money from time to time.

During the Sino-Japanese imbroglio in February 1932 she is reported to have performed good work when in charge of the laundry of evacuated Municipal Hospitals at the Ben Building.

During October 1932 Mrs. Reimer was admitted to the Municipal Sanatorium on Hunjao Road where she has since remained owing to general poor health. She is registered with the Russian Emigrants Committee. Nothing is known in Municipal Police records to her detriment.

*J. Chenansky*  
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*Mr. Geo.*

*Please send a letter with copy of this report to Netherlands Consulate.*

*2:2:38.*

CONFIDENTIËEL

No. 104

SHANGHAI.

10 January 1933

SECRETARY  
C. S. S. REGISTRY

No. D 11408

D. 12.1.1933

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I received an application for a visa for the Netherlands from Mrs. M. W. Reimer, a housekeeper by profession, born in Yekaterinoslav on 19 December 1880, at present staying in the Municipal Sanitorium on Hungjao Road.

She has a passport issued by the Bureau of Public Safety at Shanghai on 27 Februari 1932, No. 849 and is registered there under 7692/32.

She stated that she arrived in China from Vladivostok about 12 years ago, staying in Tsingtao for about 3½ years, coming afterwards to Shanghai, where she had employments at various places, a.o. at the King's Daughters' Convalescent Home. She was divorced from her husband, who is at present living in The Hague, and desires to join her daughter, Maria Petrovna Reimer, who left China with her father at the end of 1929, and who is also staying in the Netherlands now. The daughter appears to have a position as a bookkeeper in Rotterdam and it is the intention of the applicant, who apparently is in bad health, to join her there.

Her son is said to have gone to Canada.

I would be much obliged to know whether anything is known against the applicant from a political or moral point of view. Meanwhile this Consulate will try to find out whether Mrs. Reimer's daughter wishes to receive her mother, so that, should a visa be granted, (which I intend not to do without consulting the authorities at home) she will not be a charge to the community.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant.

J. P. Givens, Esquire,  
Officer i/c Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police.